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APTH : Alien Branch (C J)

18 Sep 62

Case 32254 - Letter Received by Fred Laumags from Latvia  
(Please use Philadelphia #16005 for OO-A/S)

REFN : Memo from Alien Division (C J) dated 26 June 1962 same case.

1. Subject, Fred Laumags, has forwarded to us the enclosed letter which is for your retention. This correspondence was discussed in the meeting mentioned in the reference. The letter was received from a friend in Australia. ~~TO SUBJECTS IN LATVIA~~  
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2. Laumags in a separate note states that he is going to start corresponding with four or five persons in Latvia and will let us know the results.

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Greetings!

6-11-32

Thank you for the expression of your sympathy. If the news I received is true, we are now both orphans, although you did not mention the fact that my <sup>mother</sup> has passed away. The sand which covers the grave of my father should be lighter than the burden he had to carry during the last few years; you are right there. But if you yourself are thinking about the last place of rest, I am quoting here the first and last line of a poem by Arveds Svabe:

"Is it not all the same on what cemetery they bury you...

The spirit will come back, wherever your grave may be."

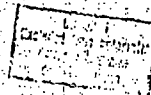
However, I cannot imagine you as being dead, therefore your letter did not surprise me at all, I had expected one like that. Probably we shall both continue to flourish for a long time, like weeds. I don't know how much has been told to you about my letters, but it may be that everything you were told was incorrect, as I now see. I may have lost some of my illusions, but life is a struggle which has no end; you cannot describe it in letters and you cannot finish struggling it.

It is always good to talk about knowledge, however I don't see any actual possibilities for it in the near future. However, I approve of your artistic plans and I believe that your efforts will be rewarded.

<sup>The</sup> Children are growing and changing; I am sorry you mentioned nothing about your children as I know very little about them. It seems obvious that Maiga has had all kinds of achievements, but it is hard to imagine

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the changes in Veronika.

I would be interested in hearing about a lot of other things, but today I will not bother you with unnecessary questions, except what you mentioned about the ways of error and about forgiveness for everything. I do not feel so sinful myself, at least not in regard to you, therefore it would be well if you could mention something more specific so that our correspondence would not be resumed with great misunderstandings. What seems like an error to one, may appear as the correct path to the other one, it depends how you look at a certain problem. But the years which have gone by and the distance between us inevitably form different opinions. However, I hope that we shall still understand each other on the main issues, we the old boys from old Riga...

Can't I help you in some way, for example what is the situation with underwear? (That is a silly question, but I can't think of anything better).

Don't be surprised at the delay in the answer, but some time has gone by before I decided that this exchange of letters "if it does not help, it will do no harm" (as the father of Voldis used to say).

Best wishes to you and your family!

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